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AJEX Remembrance Parade & Ceremony

Sunday 15th November 2026

The Cenotaph, Whitehall, 2pm

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WELCOME TO THE 2026 AJEX REMEMBRANCE PARADE & CEREMONY

Welcome to the AJEX Remembrance Parade & Ceremony at the Cenotaph. Thank you for standing with us today.

At a time of an unprecedented rise in antisemitism, this Parade has even more meaning. We gather openly and proudly at the heart of our nation to remember those who served it. We stand alongside veterans, serving personnel, families, friends and supporters, united in gratitude and in our belief that Jewish people belong fully in British life.

British. Jewish. Proud. is our theme and our message. We are proud of our Jewish identity, proud of our contribution and proud to be British. Together, we ensure that the service of past generations is recognised and never forgotten, and that those serving today know they are valued.

Whether you are marching or supporting us from the pavement, your presence helps make this message visible. Thank you for being part of this day.

To find out more about our work and support us please visit www.ajex.org.uk or follow us on social media.

Scan the QR code to donate now and support our work.





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Thank you so much to our Veterans, our Serving Community, our many Volunteers, Donors, Trustees, Honorary President, Chair Emeritus, Vice Presidents and Honorary Patrons.

Thank you to the office team and to everyone who has supported this event and brochure.

Above all thank you to all the Parade & Ceremony participants, contingents and supporters.

TODAY WE STAND
BRITISH. JEWISH. PROUD

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Jon Tyler,
National Chair,
Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (A.J.E.X.)

Please convey my warmest thanks to the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (A.J.E.X.) for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their Annual Remembrance Parade and Ceremony, which is being held today at The Cenotaph.

I much appreciate your message of loyal greetings, and was heartened to hear of the significance of remembrance for you in this poignant year commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, the seventieth anniversary of the Suez Crisis and the ninetieth anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street. In return, I send my warmest good wishes to all those who are present for a most significant event.

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15th November, 2026



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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am honoured to be sending this message to all attending the AJEX Annual Remembrance Parade and Ceremony.

This is an important opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of the thousands of British Jewish men and women who have served our country with distinction. Their courage, dedication and commitment to defending the freedoms we enjoy today form an enduring part of our national story.

This year, we mark the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and the 70th anniversary of the Suez Crisis. These commemorations remind us not only of the sacrifices made in times of conflict, but also of the enduring contribution of British Jews to the defence of our country and the values we hold dear.

This annual parade and ceremony at the Cenotaph continues a proud tradition of remembrance, reflection and gratitude. It is a fitting tribute to those who served, and a powerful reminder of our collective duty to remember them.

15 November 2026

BRITISH. JEWISH. PROUD.



Welcome to the AJEX Remembrance Parade & Ceremony, the largest annual public event for British Jews. It is always a solemn yet uplifting time in the AJEX and British Jewry annual calendar. We British Jews are justly proud of our history of loyalty to our country and service to the Crown.

Our presence here has deep roots. In 1921 Jewish veterans of the First World War laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. In 1928, nearly 100 years ago, AJEX was formed, initially named the "Jewish ex Servicemen's Legion". And in 1934, acknowledging the loyalty and disproportionately high sacrifices of the British Jewish community in WW1, King George V granted AJEX the right to additionally march to the Cenotaph on Whitehall and hold the service there. We are very proud still to this day, to be the only denomination granted that honour and privilege.

We gather to not only remember and honour the many British Jewish men and women, who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the two World Wars, but also to commemorate those involved in other conflict zones such as Korea, Malaya, Suez, Northern Ireland, The Falklands, Afghanistan and Iraq.

This year also marks the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street when thousands of Jewish residents and their neighbours stood together against a fascist march through London's East End by Oswald Mosley and his "Blackshirts". The courage of the local community reminds us that antisemitism concerns the whole of society and that standing against it is a shared responsibility. (You can read more about the Battle of Cable Street on Page 14).

That responsibility feels especially urgent today as we see clear parallels with history. In the UK, the Jewish community is suffering from unprecedented levels of overt antisemitism – even resulting in the terrible murders last year on Yom Kippur in Manchester, as well as the stabbings and arson in Golders Green, and an extraordinary tsunami of social media antisemitic lies and tropes. We remain determined that Jewish people should be able to live openly, safely and proudly in Britain.

AJEX puts that determination into action. We support our veterans, their families and current serving personnel; we encourage young Jewish people and build resilience through our work with the Cadets and we challenge antisemitism through education and Remembrance events such as today. In doing so, we carry forward the example of generations who served their country and their community.

We will not be intimidated nor cowed. AJEX stands as a beacon showing how the Jewish community have always been loyal and proud to be part of the country we live in. Thank you for your so important attendance and support.

Jon Tyler
National Chair, AJEX JMA

REVIEWING OFFICER: VICE ADMIRAL SIR ANDY KYTE KBE CB FCILT CHIEF DEFENCE LOGISTICS & SUPPORT

Vice Admiral Sir Andy Kyte was appointed as the Chief of Defence Logistics and Support (CDLS) with effect from September 2023.



A career logistician, he has over 38 years' service, including operational tours in Northern Ireland, the Arabian Gulf and Afghanistan. Previous appointments include Head of Defence Logistic Operations and Command of the High Readiness Joint Force Logistic HQ. In 2018 he was appointed as the 2* Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (ACDS) (Support Operations) where he was responsible for the provision of strategic level policy, planning and direction in support of current and contingent operations. His tenure was dominated by the Support challenges created by BREXIT, COVID and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Prior to assuming the post of CDLS he led a study for the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), focused on increasing Defence outputs.

Vice Admiral Kyte is a graduate of the Higher Command and Staff Course and the London Business School. He holds a BA in Modern History and an MA in Defence Studies and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the 2021 New Year's Honours List for his contribution to Defence's response to the COVID pandemic and was knighted in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours List.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

FROM: National Chair's Office

On Sunday 15th November 2026, members of the Jewish community will gather at the Cenotaph alongside families, supporters, civic leaders and representatives of the Armed Forces for the Annual AJEX Remembrance Parade. Now approaching a century of continuous observance, the parade remains one of the most powerful public expressions of Jewish service and remembrance in the United Kingdom.

The tradition began in 1934, when His Majesty King George V granted AJEX and the Jewish community the exceptional honour of parading to the Cenotaph on the Sunday following the national Remembrance commemorations. It was a moment of profound recognition: an acknowledgement of the courage and sacrifice of British Jews during the Great War, and a clear stand against the rising antisemitism of the era. With the sole exception of the wartime years themselves, this honour has been upheld every year since.

The 2026 parade comes at a moment of great significance, as remembrance increasingly depends on the efforts of families, communities and educators to safeguard the stories of those who served. With fewer veterans able to share their experiences firsthand, AJEX's archival and educational work has become central to ensuring that these histories remain accessible, accurate and deeply rooted in the national narrative.

This year's gathering highlights not only the service of the past, but the ongoing commitment of Jewish personnel in today's Armed Forces. Their work - in logistics, intelligence, engineering, medical support and frontline roles, reflects the same values that have guided generations before them: duty, courage, integrity and peace. The parade also honours the families who support those who serve, and the communities that uphold them.

As we march, we do so with gratitude for those who came before us, pride in those who serve today and determination to ensure that the legacy of Jewish military service remains visible, understood and honoured for generations to come.

Lynda Atkins DL
RBL National Chair



We gather today to honour the service and sacrifice of Jewish men and women who have answered our nation's call in times of war and conflict. This unique act of remembrance stands as a powerful testament to their courage, commitment and patriotism.

Today we remember the more than 120,000 Jewish men and women who served in the First and Second World Wars, and the generations who have served since. We honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice and recognise the contribution of all who helped defend the freedoms, values and security we enjoy today.

In an increasingly uncertain world, occasions such as this remind us of the enduring importance of service, selfless commitment and collective responsibility. The example set by previous generations continues to inspire those who serve today and will do so for generations to come.

Ever since King George V granted permission in 1934, the AJEX Annual Remembrance Parade and Ceremony has served as an opportunity to reflect not only on the past, but also as a reminder of the enduring connection between service and identity. Jewish personnel continue to make a valued contribution across Defence, carrying forward a proud tradition of service with professionalism, dedication and integrity.

I am grateful to AJEX for its steadfast commitment to ensuring that the contribution of the Jewish community is never forgotten. May this year's Parade and Ceremony honour the fallen, support veterans and reaffirm our shared commitment to remembrance.

Vice Admiral Sir Andy Kyte KBE CB FCILT
Armed Forces Jewish Faith Champion

ssafa the Armed Forces charity

On behalf of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity it is an honour to contribute to the AJEX Remembrance Parade Order of Service.

On 20 August 1940, Winston Churchill's speech gave the nation "The Few", honouring the RAF fighter pilots of the Battle of Britain. Today, the phrase has another meaning: the last surviving servicemen and women of the Second World War.

If their number is now small, Jewish veterans are fewer still. I was reminded of this by the death, aged 100, of Jack Mann, formerly of the Long-Range Desert Group and the fledgling Special Air Service.

Jack was one of around 70,000 Jews who answered the nation's call to fight Nazi tyranny. Their courage was recognised through Victoria Crosses, Military Crosses and Medals, and Distinguished Flying Crosses and Medals: testament, were any needed, to an extraordinary contribution.

Jack had lied about his age to join up at 17. Four decades later, another 17-year-old Jewish man, Jason Burt, honestly enlisted in the British Army and became a soldier in 3 PARA. In April 1982, Private Burt, wearing his coveted maroon beret, sailed on the Canberra with the Task Force to retake the Falkland Islands.

Pte Burt died in the bloody Battle of Mount Longdon on 11/12 June, after surviving the assault that claimed Sergeant Ian McKay VC, and taking part in further fierce fighting that night.

Forty years apart, two 17-year-old Jewish men chose to fight for what was right. They epitomise the incredible contribution made, and still made, by Jewish men and women to the UK's Armed Forces.

Sir Simon Bollom
National Chair, KBE, CB, FREng



It's the merit of AJEX to maintain the wonderful tradition of the Parade at the Cenotaph. And we French veterans are proud to be invited to this unforgettable event.

In spite of what the Jewish people are witnessing nowadays, we stand, proud of the sacrifice of our elders for freedom and democracy. And we shall fight antisemitism in all its ugly lies, standing firm and resolute to say NEVER AGAIN.

Leon Masliah
President Of Mémoire Juive Combattante De France

The occasion to come together for our acts of Remembrance provides us with an important opportunity to pause and remember all those who are no longer with us, and to give thanks to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are frequently reminded of the importance of every single life and the freedoms that we all enjoy. The chance to collectively mark Remembrance reminds us all that our way of life has been earned - and protected - through the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, and who we owe an eternal debt.

All Members of Cobseo, The Confederation of Service Charities send their very best wishes to members of The Association of Jewish Ex- Servicemen and Women.

Lieutenant General Sir Nick Pope KCB CBE**, Chairman, Cobseo,**
The Confederation of Service Charities

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The AJEX Annual Remembrance Parade is always an important occasion for the Jewish Police Association. We are proud to take part and to remember the Jewish servicemen and women who gave so much in service of this country. Marching alongside veterans and their families is a real privilege and ensures their contribution is not forgotten.

Nick Goldwater
Chair, Jewish Police Association

JEWISH POLICE ASSOCIATION

CABLE STREET AT 90: WHY THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM IS NEVER FINISHED



Ninety years ago Jews and our allies, numbering in the tens of thousands fought the fascists out of Cable Street inflicting on them a wound from which they would never quite recover. Then, as now, it was the Jews who recognised the scale of the problem with fascist street movements before anyone else. The reason why is obvious, the hatred targeting our grandparents was levelled directly, viscerally at them.

It is tempting to view the events of 4 October 1936 as a settled chapter of history. Fascism was defeated, the Jewish community was vindicated, and the famous cry of "They Shall Not Pass" entered Britain's national story. But Cable Street matters today because it was not obvious to too many people at the time just who was in the right.

The day after Mosley was prevented from marching The Times questioned whether "a claim of free speech and free assembly can be denied because those who object to the views held by another are numerous enough or violent enough to prevent their expression."

To many politicians, civil servants and newspaper editors, the issue was one of public order. The Government's duty, The Times argued, was "not to suppress any particular political view but to seek means of preserving peace."

But the Jews of the East End recognised that Mosley's movement was built on antisemitism. They were, after all, the ones standing on the barricades listening to Mosley's fascists chant "Yids, yids, we must get rid of the Yids."

When the Home Secretary eventually prohibited the East End march, Mosley complained that "the freedom of speech and the right of free assembly have become a dead letter" and insisted that "the movement has proved on every occasion its loyalty to law and order." He presented the respectable face of the movement while his supporters understood only too well what he really meant and erected the barricades making their case with actions rather than words.

On one hand stood a movement demanding the right to march through a heavily Jewish area while its supporters hurled antisemitic abuse. On the other stood local residents, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, who understood that the march was an act of provocation designed to intimidate a vulnerable minority.

The real lesson of Cable Street is therefore not simply that fascists must be opposed. It is that threats are often recognised first by those at whom they are directed. That lesson remains painfully relevant today.



For AJEX members, Cable Street carries an additional significance. The stand taken in the East End was not the end of the struggle against fascism but the beginning of a much larger one that would change the world and show us just how evil fascism is. Tens of thousands of British Jews would serve in Britain's armed forces. Jewish servicemen and women fought in the skies above Europe, on the seas around the world and on battlefields stretching from North Africa to Germany itself. They helped defeat the very ideology that they recognised on their own streets in Whitechapel and Stepney and when they came home from the war they would find Mosely building his movement back up and they would organise under the banner of AJEX and the 43 group to fight him once again and once again they would win.

Ninety years on we remember Cable Street and we remember the battles we fought to be able to hold our heads up in pride in our home, for 90 years ago when the fascists came to Cable Street they did not pass.

Marc Goldberg

CST wishes every success to all of our friends and colleagues at AJEX



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TUNE IN!



Listen to some truly wonderful and inspiring stories of Jewish gallantry and service on the AJEX 'For Honour's Sake' Podcast, hosted by AJEX Chair Emeritus, Dan Fox.

Jewish soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, highlight their contributions and sacrifices in HM Armed Forces.

For Honour's Sake is available on Apple Podcasts:
https://podcasts.apple.com/nz/podcast/for-honours-sake-the-ajex-podcast/id1791817119
and also the **AJEX YouTube channel** where you can also see the interviews take place:
https://www.youtube.com/c/AJEX_JMA/videos

A huge thank you to our Parade Commanders, Jon Tyler and Cdr Dan Weil along with Lt Col Simon Soskin and Josh Dennis, our Battalion Commanders and Parade Marshals for helping to make the Parade run so well.

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A special thank you to the AJEX Chair, Jon Tyler, to our Treasurer Steve Pack, all our AJEX Trustees, Hon President, Chair Emeritus and Vice Presidents. We don't take for granted your commitment, dedication and all you do for the AJEX Family.

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THE JEWISH CONTRIBUTION IN WWI AND WWII - FATALITIES & HONOURS

WORLD WAR I

FATALITIES

55,000 Jewish men and women from Britain's 350,000-strong community, and in the Commonwealth, served in the Great War. Some 2,920 were killed:

AWARDS

Victoria Cross	6
GCMG	1*
CMG	2
OBE	78
MBE	47
DSO	49
MC	263
MC bar	15
MC two bars	1
DFC	11
DCM	85
MSM	66
MM	331

*Following the Battle of Amiens (August 1918), General Sir John Monash, of the Australian Corps, became the first soldier in 200 years, and the last since, to be knighted in the field, with King George V himself travelling to France to perform the ceremony.

WORLD WAR II

FATALITIES

1,500,000 Jewish men and women worldwide, served with the Allies, including 70,000 British Jews (from a community of 450,000) and 31,000 Yishuv Jews. 3,772 were killed:

British Army	1,883
Royal Air Force	913
Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Merchant Navy	283
Yishuv	693

AWARDS

(including Civil Defence roles and Yishuv)

Victoria Cross	3	DFM	64
DFC bar	44	DFM bar	5
CB	6	AFC	19
CBE	28	GM	18
OBE	99	BEM	98
MBE	169	MiD	1,124
DSO	44		
US Legion of Merit	6	DSC	25
US DSO/DFC	8	DSC bar	4
US Bronze Star	12	MC	168
Légion d'honneur	10	MC bar	3
Croix de Guerre	42	DFC	193
Cert of Gallantry	43	DFC bar	44
Other foreign	50	DCM	30
Colonial Police Medal	14	DSM	35
Air Force Medal	5	DSM bar	1
Air Efficiency Award	3	CGM	3
MM	153	MM bar	3

FATALITIES	SERVED	KIA
USA	550,000	38,338
SOVIET UNION	500,000	200,000
POLAND	180,000	65,000
PARTISANS, RESISTANCE, GHETTO FIGHTERS	100,000	N/K
FRANCE	35,000	N/K
CANADA	16,883	424
GREECE	12,898	513
SOUTH AFRICA	10,000	357
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	5,500	50
AUSTRALIA	3,854	134
NETHERLANDS	3,000	N/K
YUGOSLAVIA	2,500	1,381





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Since the 1920s AJEX has worked to ensure that the service and sacrifice of Jewish men and women in the British Armed Forces is remembered. Nearly a century later, that purpose is as relevant as ever – and in the current climate of antisemitism ever more important.

We honour those who came before us, while supporting veterans and serving personnel today. Helping younger generations understand the part Jewish people have played in Britain's story is central to our work.

More than 120,000 Jewish men and women served during the two World Wars. Thousands gave their lives. They were proud to serve their country and their Jewish identities were part of who they were.

At a time when antisemitism can make being visibly Jewish feel difficult, the stories AJEX tells offer something powerful. They show courage, loyalty and a long history of contribution to the country we call home. I see that connection come alive when a young person meets a veteran or discovers the story behind a family medal. That's when a conversation begins. History becomes personal. A young person who once felt distant from Remembrance finds a place within it.

I am deeply grateful to the veterans who have entrusted us with their memories and am encouraged by the young people ready to carry them forward.

As the prayers are said and the wreaths are laid, I invite you to remember someone whose story matters to you – and think what it means today.

Thank you for being here today with us.

Fiona Palmer
Chief Executive
AJEX JMA



THE PRAYERS

THE LOYAL PRAYER

(The parade will come to attention to mark the arrival of the Reviewing Officer and then stood at ease for the start of the service.)

Lord of the Universe, at this time appointed for commemoration and solemn remembrance, we reverently think of our comrades who died in the cause of right and justice, and we pray that we may merit Your grace to serve our King and Country in the cause of peace.

We rejoice that You have bestowed of Your honour upon Your beloved servants, our Sovereign Lord King Charles and all the Royal Family. We pray, O Lord, that the abundance of Your blessing be granted to His Majesty and that, under his beneficent rule, mercy and truth will prevail; and righteousness and justice be the aim of all who pay him homage.

Father of mercy, in Whose hand are the souls of the living and the dead, remember for good all Your children who willingly offered themselves in the service of the Crown. May their memory be blessed and their sacrifice not have been in vain.

O Guardian of Israel, grant peace in Your Holy Land, and everlasting happiness to all its inhabitants, so that Jacob shall again be in quietude and at ease. Spread the tabernacle of Your peace upon all the dwellers on earth; and let us say Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY OF THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES

אַדִּיר בַּמָּרוֹם שׁוֹכֵן בִּגְבוּרָה, מֶלֶךְ שֶׁהַשָּׁלוֹם שֶׁלּוֹ

God on high who dwells in might, the King to whom peace belongs, look down from Your holy habitation and bless the Servicemen and Women of the British Armed Forces who risk their lives for the sake of peace on Earth.

Be their shelter and stronghold, and let them not falter. May their enemies be scattered and their foes flee before them, and may they rejoice in Your salvation.

Bring them back safely to their homes, as is written: "The Lord will guard you from all harm, He will guard your life. The Lord will guard your going and coming, now and for evermore."

May there be fulfilled for us the verse: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more."

וְיֵדְעוּ כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵּבֵל כִּי לְךָ מְלוּכָה יָאָתָה, וְשִׁמְךָ נוֹרָא עַל כָּל מַה שֶׁבָּרָאתָ. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

Let all the inhabitants on Earth know that sovereignty is Yours and Your name inspires awe over all You have created. And let us say, Amen.

MEMORIAL PRAYER

O God, full of compassion, who dwells on high, grant perfect rest in Your Divine Presence, in the exalted places among the holy and pure who shine as the brightness of the firmament, to all who bravely laid down their lives in the service of the Crown, and to the six million victims of the Holocaust.

We beseech You, Lord of Compassion, shelter them for evermore under the cover of Your wings, and may their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, with the souls of the righteous who are ever with You. The Lord is their portion; may they rest in peace; and let us say, Amen.

אֵ-ל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה, בְּמַעֲלוֹת קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזֹהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים, אֶת־נִשְׁמוֹת כָּל אַנְשֵׁי הַחַיִל אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱרוּ לַמָּוֶת נַפְשָׁם בְּעַד אַרְצָם. וְאֶת נִשְׁמוֹת שֵׁשֶׁת מִלְיוֹן אַחֵינוּ וְאַחָיוֹתֵינוּ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים וְהַטְּהוֹרִים

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THE MOURNER'S KADDISH

יִתְגַּדַּל Magnified and sanctified may His great name be (AMEN), in the world He created by His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and in your days, and in the lifetime of all the House of Israel, swiftly and soon – and say: (AMEN)

יְהָא May His great name be blessed for ever and all time.

יִתְבָּרַךְ Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, raised and honoured, uplifted and lauded be the name of the Holy One, (AMEN) beyond any blessing, song, praise and consolation uttered in the world – and say: Amen.

יְהָא May there be great peace from heaven, and life for us and all Israel – and say: (AMEN)

עֹשֶׂה May He who makes peace in His high places, make peace for us and all Israel – and say: (AMEN)

(Mourners) יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. [אמן] בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: [אמן]

(Mourners & Congregation) יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

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(Take three steps back and say) עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: [אמן]

THE EXHORTATION

(from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

RESPONSE:
We will remember them.

THE LAYING OF WREATHS

The AJEX National Wreath: In memory of all Jewish Personnel who have died in the service of The Crown
Vice Admiral Sir Andy Kyte KBE, Reviewing Officer

In memory of those in the Allied Forces who died in the two World Wars
Jon Tyler, AJEX National Chair

In honour of all British Service Personnel who have died in conflicts since the Second World War
Calvin Bailey MBE MP, Minister for Veterans

In memory of all those members of the Board of Deputies, its affiliated communities & organisations who served in the two World Wars
Phil Rosenberg, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews

On the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street, in honour of all those who took a stand
Sir Gerald Ronson CBE

Remembering all those who fought at the Battle of the Somme on the 110th anniversary
Rabbi Amir Ellituv

In honour of all who served in the Suez Crises on the 70th anniversary
Clive Boxer and Saul Taylor

In honour of all who served at the Battle of Jutland on the 110th anniversary
Georgina Nicholas-Jago and Abigail Sondack

On the 85th anniversary of the end of the Blitz, honouring the courage and sacrifice of all who served in the fire services
Michael Silver and Elaine Pinkus

The Armed Forces Jewish Community in memory of the Jewish men and women who have died since the Second World War
Ashli Tasker

Marking the 85th anniversary of the founding of the SAS in 1941, often operating with the Long Range Desert Group, and the passing this year of the last member to serve in both units Jack "Zucky" Mann
Nicole Marmor and Nadia Mann Jorgas

In memory of all the Jewish women who served during times of war including in The ATS, The WAAF, The Wrens, The Land Army, air Transport, war factories and in the nursing services
Doris Rose and Alice Abrahams

In honour of the many Jewish men and women who worked at Bletchley Park in Code Breaking which helped win the Second World War
Adam, Karen and Imogen Bloom

In honour of all Jewish Chaplains who have served in HM Forces
Rabbi Josh Levy

In memory of all those who were murdered through Nazi persecution
Bob Blackman MP and Susan Pollack OBE

In memory of members of the JLGB, Jewish Youth Clubs, Jewish Scouts and Girl Guides and Jewish Schools who died in service
Sgt Roni Ben-Shir

In honour of the French Jewish War Veterans
Leon Masliah

Royal British Legion
Lynda Atkins DL and Debbie Sorkin

SSAFA
Sir Simon Bollom KBE

In memory of all members of Monash branch of the Royal British Legion who have served
Mervyn Kersh Legion d'Honneur, BEM

On behalf of the Royal Marines Charity and all Royal Marines who served
Hon Col Keith Breslauer and Phil Gilby MBE

JFS CCF with JCoSS Detachment
Cdt CoH Aurora Kaufman

Poppy Posies will be laid by students of Hasmonean High Schools for Boys and Girls, Immanuel College, JCoSS, JFS and Yavneh College

LAST POST

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

REVEILLE

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home, tell them of us and say;
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

רבון העולמים, Sovereign of the universe,

Send us Your blessing of peace. Teach us to hold life sacred, in faithfulness to You, and in generosity to those around us, so that, by reaching out in love, we may turn enemies into friends and become one united family on earth, just as You are our single Father in Heaven.

May You, who make peace in high places, help us to make peace on earth.

וכן יהי רצון, And may this be Your will, and let us say: Amen



ADON OLAM
MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ. בְּטֶרֶם כָּל יְצִיר נִבְרָא:
לְעֵת נַעֲשָׂה בְחֶפְצוֹ כֹּל. אֲזַי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא:
וְאַחֲרֵי כִּכְלוֹת הַכֹּל. לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נוֹרָא:
וְהוּא הָיָה וְהוּא הֹוֶה. וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְאָרָה:
וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי. לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחְבִּירָה:
בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית. וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמִּשְׂרָה:
וְהוּא אֵלִי וְחַי גּאֲלִי. וְצוּר חֶבְלִי בְּעֵת צָרָה:
וְהוּא נִסִּי וּמָנוֹס לִי. מְנָת כּוֹסִי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא:
בְּיָדוֹ אַפְקִיד רוּחִי. בְּעֵת אִישַׁן וְאָעִירָה:
וְעִם רוּחִי גְּוִיָּתִי. ה' לִי וְלֹא אִירָא:

The King of the world, who ruled before any creature was created. At the time they were made, all was according to His will, and then His name was called "King". And after everything was finished, He alone ruled, awe-inspiring. He was, He is, and He will be with splendour. And, He was first, with no second, to rule over him or to collaborate; with no beginning and no end, He has the strength and the right. And He is my God, my redeemer is alive; the rock who sustains me in a distressful day. And He is my banner and refuge, the portion of my cup on the day I call out. In His hand, I safeguard my spirit, [for] when I sleep, [I know that] I will wake. And with my spirit is my body; God is for me, and I will not be afraid.

THE BENEDICTION

יְבָרֶכְךָ ה׳ וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ
יָאֵר ה׳ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וִיחֻנֶּךָּ
יִשָּׂא ה׳ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיָשֵׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord turn His face unto you
and give you peace.

REVIEWING OFFICER

Words of Support

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(The parade will come to attention.)

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

(The Reviewing Officer and the clergy will depart and the parade will re-form to march off.)

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This campaign is led by AJEX Chair Emeritus, Dan Fox, and has already identified more than 351 medals across 132 family sets, helping to ensure the Jewish community's service and sacrifice is remembered.

Whether you have lost family medals from world wars or other conflicts and periods of service or never claimed medals for yourself or a relative, AJEX can help identify what medals would have been worn and belonged to you or your family member.

We hope many more first-time Parade participants will proudly march wearing family medals at future AJEX remembrance events. Whether you need replacement replicas or still have the originals, let's ensure the Jewish community's medals are worn proudly and visibly once again.

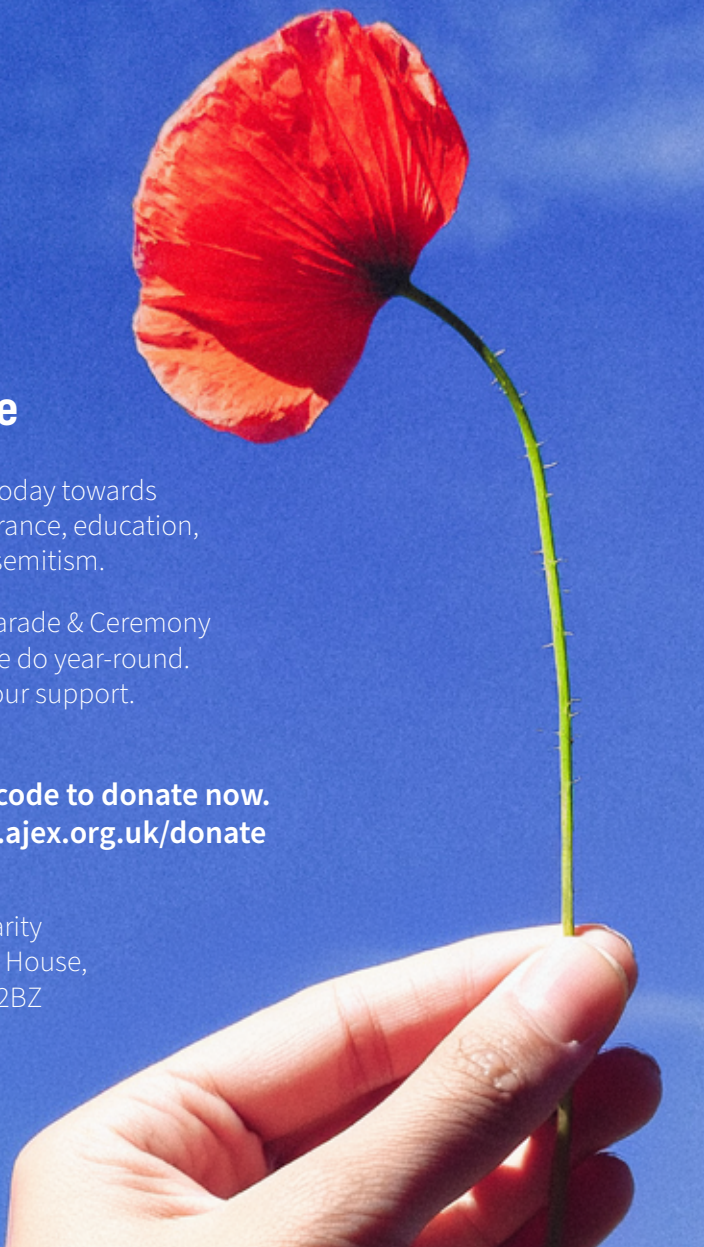
Medals are one of the most personal artefacts of military service. For individuals and their families, they mark commitment sacrifice and bravery. As a community they are collective badges of honour and pride in the Jewish contribution to our nation. It is deeply moving to see so many families reconnecting with these important pieces of history through this campaign.

Visit www.ajex.org.uk/medals for help or contact the office on 020 8202 2323



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FROM ADVENTURE TO REMEMBRANCE: MY LIFE AS A CADET



I joined the CCF in Year 7 because it was such an exciting opportunity that I had never been offered before. Being able to shoot rifles and go on parades to represent JFS really enticed me, and soon enough I got roped into this amazing after-school activity every week for almost five years!

I enjoy cadets because it is very different from anything I have ever done before. I have never experienced such an interesting environment, surrounded by ex-Army and Army personnel who have such incredible stories to tell. I look forward to it every week, as it has now become a community we have at school. We all share the same interests and the same motive: to learn from our commanders and be immersed in a different environment.

My best experience by far is definitely Exercise Leviathan in 2024, where we went on a five-day sailing trip and learnt all about ships and how they work, how sailors operate them, and how to carry out different tasks on the ship, such as steering and navigating. I am so grateful that I had that opportunity, as I had never sailed before. It brought a new light to sailors and navigation. For years, we had learnt about maps and compasses, and we finally got to put our knowledge to use on the ship.

The AJEX Parade means so much to me, as I get to march for Judaism and our fallen soldiers who did so much for our country. I have done lots of trips with AJEX, such as visiting Bevis Marks Synagogue and the National Memorial Arboretum. They have been incredibly impactful for me, as they really put into perspective the lives that were lost and how much people sacrificed for us to be here today.

AJEX is such an incredible organisation, and I am privileged to be able to march on the parade.

Cadet LCpoH Aboody




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THE 1956 SUEZ CRISES

It seems to be the fate of even the most otherwise successful of UK Prime Ministers, that they are inextricably linked to the consequences of certain military misadventures. Winston Churchill never fully escaped the shadow of Gallipoli. Nearly a century later, no discussion of the end of Tony Blair's premiership was complete without an honest assessment of Iraq. In between, Anthony Eden found his previously glittering political career spectacularly derailed by the Suez crisis. It first consumed and then ended his time in Number Ten. As his wife Clarissa later exclaimed, it was "as if the Suez Canal was flowing through my drawing-room!"

The facts of the diplomatic and military web that entangled Britain have been well-documented: in July 1956, the Pan-Arab Nationalist Egyptian President, General Gamal Abdel Nasser, nationalised and seized the Canal from its Anglo-French owners, threatening access to one of the world's, and certainly the British Empire's, most important shipping lanes. International negotiations failed to resolve the confrontation while the rising superpower of the United States, in the form of President Dwight Eisenhower, made clear its opposition to the use of armed force.

Britain and France needed a casus belli in order to justify military intervention, which they found in the wider Arab-Israeli conflict. Plans were made for Israel to send troops into Egypt, pre-empting the existential threat to it from Nasser; with the British and French then intervening to keep the peace and protect the Canal. Israel invaded on 29 October, with Britain and France responding by bombing Egyptian airfields. On 5 November, paratroopers landed in three locations, including Port Said, combining with amphibious assaults, including Royal Marines, the next day. They advanced rapidly towards the Canal Zone while Egyptian forces moved to an insurgency stance, embedding themselves in civilian populations to make action against them morally and tactically high-risk.

By this point, US, USSR and UN diplomatic pressure was already mounting, with threats of arms embargos and other sanctions. The first UN Emergency Force was raised to act as peacekeepers, taking over as the French, British and Israelis were forced to withdraw. The Canal was fully reopened by April 1957 but remained (as it does to this day) under Egyptian state control. While arguably a military success, the operation was a political failure for the British and French, and a milestone in their decline as global powers.

But in all such circumstances, we must never forget those blameless men and women who end up at the sharp-end: those in uniform who are put in harm's way in order to, in Clausewitz's famous assessment, simply effect the continuation of policy by other means. This included thousands of National Servicemen who were deployed straight out of basic training as the crisis escalated from 1951 onwards, with an initial 60,000 troops mobilised to boost protection in the Canal Zone. Even before the escalation upon Nasser taking power in 1954, they were confronted with sniper attacks, armed demonstrations, and stabbings. The Muslim Brotherhood had declared a jihad.

In October and November 1956, 22 UK personnel were killed and 96 wounded serving in the dismal climax of what became known as a "forgotten war fought by a forgotten army". Today, we remember and recognise those who served.

Dan Fox

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BLITZ

On the 6th September 1940 the order was given to the Luftwaffe (German Airforce) to switch from creating the conditions for an invasion of Britain to the bombing of British towns and cities with the intention of breaking the spirit of the people. As autumn began the Blitz on British civilians as well as military sites started.

The term Blitz came from the German word blitz meaning 'lightening' and that was how the bombing attacks from the air felt as civilians ran for cover and saw their homes and communities targeted for destruction.

The first heavy wave of attacks was on London; from 7th September the city was bombed on 56 of the consecutive 57 days. The 15th of September witnessed a huge daylight raid on London targeted on the docks area – despite being one of the heaviest attacks it failed to do the damage the Germans had hoped and instead the counter attacks led by the RAF led to that date being declared as Battle of Britain Day. From then on the Nazis began to plan their attacks for nighttime to create as much damage and chaos as possible.

It was not just London under aerial attack, other cities included Liverpool, Bristol, Swansea, Glasgow, Portsmouth, and Plymouth and the industrial centres in the centre of Britain also came under attack. The city that took the biggest hit in a single night was Coventry in the Midlands on the 14th - 15th November 1940. Approximately 500 Luftwaffe bombers dropped over 30,000 incendiaries with 1,600 of them being high explosives the total meant that more than 500 tons of bombs were dropped in the 11 hours of the raid.

The conditions on the ground, the tactics and bombs used created a firestorm which meant that huge swathes of the city and its suburbs were alight, figures for those killed range from 550 to 600, although it likely to be higher as many people were later not accounted for. In addition, approximately 43,000 homes and 71 factories were destroyed or damaged.

Many civilians were caught up in the raids, leading to many new laws and regulations being introduced such as: all windows had to have blackouts, there were no streetlamps and more easily available air raid shelters were built for people to take cover in if there was an attack. Despite the pounding of the towns and cities the Germans failed to break British morale.

Subsequently the Blitz drew to an end in June 1941 as British defences became better at decreasing the impact of the raids and because Hitler and his HIgh Command turned their attention and their resources to the attack on the USSR. However, by that time in the UK over 41,000 people had been killed and a further 139,000 (estimated) injured, further thousands of homes had been destroyed, and sections of British towns and cities would remain as bomb sites into the 1960s.

Even though the Blitz finished, the occasional bombing raid continued across the UK throughout the war, until aircraft were replaced in the final year by the flying bombs – V1s and V2s. The flying bombs created a new era of concern and horror, as interception was practically impossible once they were launched, and the RAF had to turn its attention to destroying the launch sites. This was particularly difficult due to the mobile nature of the V1 sites and the fact that the V2 positions were heavily protected in caves and secret bases. Fortunately, the war was now heading towards an end.

Paula Kitching



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110 YEARS – THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

The Battle of the Somme is one of the most famous battles in British history, not because it was a great military success but because it resulted in the biggest loss of men the British Army has ever suffered on one day. On 1st July, 1916, a British-led attack was launched on a 15-mile front in the Somme region of France. Over 58,000 British troops were injured, including 19,000 fatalities. Although the attack was planned as a joint British and French offensive, in the end it consisted of mainly British troops.

The British leadership, under Douglas Haig (from December 1915), would have preferred an attack in Flanders where crucial ground could have been taken. However, the German attack on Verdun (February 1916) made the Somme offensive more important to the French for distracting the Germans.

In preparation for the attack, Allied artillery pounded German lines for the week preceding 1st July, firing 1.6 million shells. The intention was that the artillery fire would 'break the German frontline defences'.

However, during the week long bombardment, the Germans retreated to their reserve positions and to their dugouts, which were built to withstand such an onslaught. The British bombardment failed to break the German line, but it did churn up the ground across No-man's Land making the terrain even more difficult for the British troops to cross. When the signal for the start of the real attack came, the German troops were already back in frontline positions. The British troops, however, had been told that the line was broken and to move out across No-man's Land. Many of those troops had never seen battle before and were simply mown down by German machine gun fire.

The Battle of the Somme is chiefly remembered for the sacrifice of countless young lives. Entire streets of young men were injured or killed in a single 24 hours, devastating some communities. Junior officers were some of the highest casualties by percentage as they led their men into battle resulting in 60% of all officers involved on the first day being killed.

Over the weeks of the Somme offensive, new tactics were tested and lessons learnt. Tanks were introduced into the fighting for the first time at Flers-Courcelette on the 15th September 1916, with limited success, but the use of new technology was a clear sign from Senior Command of their commitment to making a breakthrough.

When the battle officially ended in November, after a disastrously wet October, the Allies had advanced only 8km (five miles). The British suffered around 420,000 casualties, the French 195,000 and the Germans around 650,000. Military lessons were learnt from the Somme. Nonetheless, the battle left a scar on the British Military record.

At least 32 Jewish men were recorded as being killed on that first day. Many more were killed or injured over the course of the battle.

Paula Kitching

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THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND

The Battle of Jutland was the most important sea battle for Britain in the First World War. The naval race between Germany and Britain in the decade before the First World War had been one of the causes of tension between the two powers.

Despite Germany's creation of a new Navy, it always had one fundamental problem - access to the oceans. Germany's coast was part of the Baltic Sea, and to get out to the wider oceans it needed to pass through the channel between Denmark and Sweden and close to the British coast.

When War was declared in 1914, the British Royal Navy, went into immediate defensive action. It deployed part of the fleet up in Scotland to block the German fleet's exit out of the Baltic Sea, and other vessels in the Mediterranean Sea to block German and Austrian shipping and supplies. The British also laid mines in the North Sea and kept constant patrols going so that the German fleet did not dare to venture out of its harbours and it could get limited goods in.

To get round the blockade the Germans used their U-boats (submarines) to attack Allied shipping. In May 1915, the passenger liner Lusitania sank following an attack by a U-Boat. Over 1,200 passengers were killed, 120 of whom were American citizens. The United States government protested and Germany agreed that U-boats would rise to the surface to check on the shipping before they fired. These restrictions made the U-boats largely ineffective.

By early 1916 the situation became critical for Germany. To try to draw the British fleet out of its strong position, the German navy carried out small attacks on the Eastern coast of the UK. However, it was inevitable that, at some point, the two sides would have to engage in battle. The British had an extra advantage – Naval Intelligence had been able to listen in to the German Navy's radio messages and, after breaking the codes, they knew all about the German fleet and its movements.

On 31 May the Germans put a fleet of 40 ships out to sea. The British responded with Admiral Beatty leading the battlecruisers and Admiral Jellicoe (who was in command of British Naval Defence in the North Sea) in charge of the Grand Fleet. The two sides met off the coast of Denmark – Jutland. The Germans has some initial success, destroying some of the battlecruisers, but once the two British fleets joined up, they hugely outnumbered the Germans. Even using smaller swifter ships, the Germans were no match for the experienced and forceful British Navy. Eventually they had to make a break for their port and return home.

The British lost 14 ships and over 6,000 men, the Germans lost 11 ships and over 2,500 men. However, the British had not lost any of their main battleships, while the Germans had. This meant that the British were prepared for action again the next day, unlike Germany who could not mount a serious naval force to break out of the North Sea for the rest of the war, this led to a resumption of unrestricted U-Boat attacks. This, in turn, caused America to declare war on Germany.

After Jutland, Britain retained control of the North Sea, and Germany remained unable to break the British naval blockade. The continuing restrictions on imports contributed to shortages of food and essential materials, weakening German war production and morale on the Home Front. Although Britain had suffered greater losses in the battle, it had achieved its central aim: maintaining its dominance at sea. In this wider sense, Jutland was a strategic victory for Britain.

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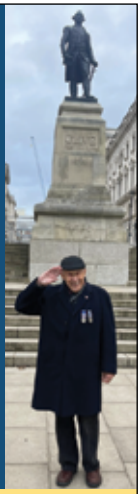
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A personal message from Ron Shelley MBE

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It also stands for responsibility — responsibility to remember, to educate, and to care for those who served, And it stands for decency in its opposition to antisemitism.

All of this is reflected in the AJEX Remembrance Parade & Ceremony in November. The most important annual external solidarity event of our community.

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